

AWANA
Parent Booklet
2023-2024



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What is Awana?

Awana is a global, nonprofit ministry committed to helping children know, love and serve Jesus. It is highly relational and highly scriptural. The name Awana is an acronym formed from 2 Timothy 2:15.

We are Approved Workman who Are Not Ashamed.

Why Awana?

Because it takes children through the richness of the Word of God, and shows them that:

“There is no love so great and so wonderful as that which is in the heart of Christ.” - Jonathan Edwards

Jesus has a special love for children:

- Luke 18:16 — “...Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

Awana provides a place where children can encounter this God who loves them so much, and embrace the lifelong journey of discipleship He has called us to.

Through God’s wisdom and power, Awana strives to...

- 1) **Reach Kids:** Awana reaches kids for Christ through Scripture-rich and fun experiences that lead them to know, love and serve Him.
 - A. Know: It is our desire that every child will repent of their sins and trust fully in the hope of Jesus. Children should know they have eternal life because they trust in Jesus, by faith alone for their salvation. (Philippians 3:9-10; John 17:3; Romans 1:16)
 - B. Love: Through persistent discipleship, we hope that children grow in their love towards the Lord, who loved us first, with their heart, mind, soul, and strength as well as loving others as themselves. (Ephesians 3:19; 1 John 4:19; Luke 10:27)
 - C. Serve: Serving the Lord and his bride is a product of loving Him. We urge all believers to use their spiritual gifts in the building up and edifying of the church. (Ephesians 2:10, 4:12; 1 Peter 4:10)
- 2) **Equip Leaders:** Awana equips ministry leaders and parents to reach and disciple kids who impact their generation with the Gospel.
- 3) **Change The World:** God is at work changing the world through the evangelism and long-term discipleship ministry of Awana.

Our Hope for AWANA at Crosspointe Community Church—

- Children know the One Who Saves
 - John 17:3— “Now this is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Who You have sent.”
 - John 8:32— “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- Children would be rooted in God’s Word
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17— “All Scripture is God breathed and is useful to teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- Parents would become strengthened as the Primary Spiritual Leaders
 - Deuteronomy 6:7— “Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”
- Children would become unashamed Kingdom workers for God’s glory!
 - 2 Timothy 2:15— “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

Registration:

Families can join AWANA at any time throughout the year. If your child is joining substantially into the Awana year, their leaders will work together with them to help bring them up to speed with the rest of the class so they do not feel left behind.

Children are also encouraged to bring a friend with them at any point during the year—just be sure to arrive a few extra minutes early to enter in the visiting child’s information into our check in system.

Our desire is to create a safe, loving, and engaging environment where children are encouraged and equipped to grow closer to Christ. Our volunteers first and foremost love Jesus and desire to live for Him and serve Him. They have been background checked and are held accountable to follow CCC's policies for child safety.

Pick up and Drop off

Arrival:

- All parents must check in their child. No child will be accepted without their parent or guardian checking them in to our security system.
- Check in will begin at 6:25 PM. Kids will be dropped off and picked up in their classrooms.
- Allergies will be printed on your child's tag for leaders.

Pick up:

- Pick up will begin at 8 PM.
- When you checked your child in, you received a "guardian receipt". This will be the way that you pick up your child. Upon picking up, please present the receipt to the volunteer and the volunteer will verify the receipt and the sticker on the child to make sure the corresponding numbers match. If you have multiple children, the same receipt will be used. If someone else is picking up your child, they will need your guardian tag.

Wellness Policy

To ensure the health of all children and teachers, we ask that sick children or sick teachers not attend class. If the following symptoms exist we ask children/volunteers not attend church: a fever of 100 degrees or higher, diarrhea or vomiting within last 48 hours, common cold from onset through one week, sore throat/constant cough, colored mucous, unexplained rash, pink eye, or lice.

AWANA Handbook

Handbook time is a segment of club when leaders guide clubbers in hiding the Word of God in their heart. Not only do we promote that children memorize the Words of the Bible, but they also understand them and begin to apply them.

Handbook Order:

- Every clubber starts with an entrance booklet.
- The booklet presents the gospel among other Bible truths.
- A clubber must complete the booklet before receiving their first handbook and uniform.
- Your child can complete no more than one handbook per club year. If they finish their book there are places of review for extra awards. If a child enters the year with an incomplete book from the previous year, they may complete it and be awarded the next book to work on for the year. This is the ONLY exception for completing more than one book in a year.
- Cubbies and T&T work together week by week through their handbook (see schedule in booklet). If they miss a week, they should stay with the class on the current week's lesson and complete the missed lesson(s) on their own. They can recite the missed verses with leaders whenever they are ready.
- Sparks work through their book at their own pace. Parents are encouraged to create some type of schedule for their children to help them finish their book.

Handbook Standards:

- Parents are not allowed to sign off on their child's handbook. The only official signature that is acceptable is of the volunteer that your child is reciting the memory verse to.
 - *** Cubbies parents: You will be signing your child's books. Your signature will signify that your child is ready to say their verse to their teacher.
- Children will get no more than 2 helps. A help is one to four words or a gesture to jog a child's memory.
- The Bible reference must be included for elementary children. (Ex. John 3:16)
- All verses in a section must be recited at once, with no studying in between.
- For T&T children, the parent may underline a shortened part of the verse if their child is having difficulty memorizing the entire verse (especially for younger grades in that group).

Your Role:

No one has a more important role or influence than you—the parent/guardian! God has given you the role to be the primary spiritual leader for your children. AWANA is a great resource to live out Deut. 6:4-10—through daily activities and conversations, teaching your children to love God! Your job as the parent is to walk through the handbook with your children. Memorizing His Word helps the family know Him better and love Him more. Remember we all have different gifts and some children will memorize much easier—that's ok! Encourage them in their growth and focus on their heart connection to Jesus!

Awards

Children are awarded for their hard work each week. For each section in their handbook they complete, they will receive various awards! Below are some examples.

Please make sure your child always wears their uniform so if they receive an award, their teacher can put it on their vest/jersey.



Per book:
8 chevrons
4 silver
4 gold





Cubbies Ages 3 - 5

Awana Clubs Cubbies® celebrates the spiritual potential of preschoolers by cultivating respect for God, His Son and His Word. Cubbies is a fun, friendly place to learn about God's greatness.

Rotation Schedule

6:20-6:30	Check-In	Classroom
6:30-6:40	Welcome Activity	Classroom
6:40-7:00	Games	Upstairs Large Area (or outside if told by game director)
7:00-7:15	Snack/Puppet Show	Classroom
7:15-7:40	Lesson/Handbook Time	Classroom
7:40-8:00	Craft/Play Time	Classroom



Sparks Grades K - 2

Sparks® ignites kids' curiosity in the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for a lifetime of knowing Christ.

Rotation Schedule

6:20-6:30	Check-In	Classroom
6:35-6:45	OPENING/Prayer	Upstairs Large Area
6:45-7:00	Large Group Lesson	Downstairs Large Area
7:00-7:25	Games	Upstairs Large Area (or outside if told by game director)
7:20-7:45	Small Group/Handbook	Classroom
7:45 -8:00	Worship Songs/CLOSING	Downstairs Large Area



T&T Grades 3 - 5


T&T™ focuses on the basics of the Christian faith, guiding kids to a deeper understanding of God's grace by engaging in biblical and relational discipleship.

Rotation Schedule

6:20-6:30	Check-In	Classroom
6:35-6:44	OPENING/Prayer	Upstairs Large Area
6:45-7:00	Large Group Lesson	Downstairs Large Area
7:00-7:25	Small Group/Handbook	Classroom
7:25-7:45	Games	Upstairs Large Area (or outside if told by game director)
7:45-8:00	Worship Songs/CLOSING	Downstairs Large Area

T&T Verse & Bonus Points


The Truth & Training handbook increases in involvement and depth. The material has excellent teaching and is thought provoking for this age group. However, kids and families are busy throughout the week and it may be difficult to complete the section in its entirety although that should always be the goal. To help prevent children from being discouraged but to motivate them to work hard—the following system will be implemented.


 The heart symbol next to the main verse in the section is the focus. If children recite this, they will pass the section.

The other parts in the section will be counted as bonus for kids to collect points and use to shop in the AWANA store.

First page fill in the blank is: 1 point

 Second page magnifying glass section: 2 points

 Silver star section: 2 points

 Gold star section: 2 points (for each additional verse said)



Ways to Implement AWANA at Home:

Pray & Reflect:

- As you spiritually lead, rely on God for wisdom, self-discipline, and a teaching spirit and heart connection with your child.
- Through God's grace and power, He will equip you to lead your children closer to Him. Reflect your own love for Him and His Word as you memorize together.

Plan and Be Consistent:

- Think through your families schedule and plan a time during the week to focus on memorizing God's Word. Make it a priority and be realistic about the best times where you can really focus and grow together as a family in your relationship with Christ.

Some Ideas:

- If children do a daily/weekly devotion, have them work on their handbook then.
- Say verses as a family during routine times (breakfast, bedtime, in the car, etc.)
- Pick a day during the week you always work on verses (for those in school, the weekend may be the best time).
- Tape index cards with the verse (for non-readers it could have pictures) and tape them in frequent spots—bathroom mirror, back of car seat, etc.
- Fighter Verse App (great resource for memorizing verses—gives activities like fill in the blank, quiz, sing to verse).
- Have older children work with younger children in your family.
- Do games like tossing a ball and saying one word in the verse when you catch it.



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AUGUST

8/23—Opening Night
8/30—Regular Night

SEPTEMBER

9/6—Regular Night
9/13—Regular Night
9/20—Regular Night
9/27—Regular Night

OCTOBER

10/4—Regular Night
10/11—**Fall Break**
10/18—Regular Night
10/25—Regular Night

NOVEMBER

11/1—Regular Night
11/8—Regular Night
11/15—Regular Night
11/22—**Thanksgiving**
11/29—Regular Night

DECEMBER

12/6—Regular Night
12/13—**Christmas Party**
12/20 & 12/27—**Christmas Break**

JANUARY

1/3—Regular Night
1/10—Regular Night
1/17—Regular Night
1/24—Regular Night
1/31—Regular Night

FEBRUARY

2/7—Regular Night
2/14—Regular Night
2/21—Regular Night
2/28—Regular Night

MARCH

3/7—Regular Night
3/14—Regular Night
3/21—**Spr. Break**
3/28—**Spr. Break**

APRIL

4/4—Regular Night
4/11—Regular Night
4/18—Regular Night
4/25—Regular Night

MAY

5/2—**Awards Night**

HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR CHILDREN?

the **GOSPEL** **GOD'S PLAN FOR ME**

gos·pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*



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